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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of December 23, 2004, hereinafter, "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. The present response to the Office Action is being submitted within three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.